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PUBLIC NOTICE SAExploration Upper Cook Inlet 3D Seismic Program

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil and Gas (DOG), has received a Geophysical Exploration Permit application from SAExploration (SAE). SAE plans to acquire a three dimensional (3D) seismic survey in Upper Cook Inlet. DOG is providing public notice and an opportunity to comment under 11 AAC 96.030 (c).

Applicant: SAExploration, 8240 Sandlewood Place, Suite 101, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

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Project ID: MLUPCI 13-006 Upper Cook Inlet 3D

Location: SAE conducted seismic programs in 2011 and 2012 with the use of new nodal technology seismic recording equipment these operations were performed on and offshore in the Cook Inlet environment. This project will include all open waters in Cook Inlet area generally from Moose Point south to Nikiski extending over to the West side from West Forelands up North to the Chuitna River. The majority of the project is located on State of Alaska waters. The proposed project will be in the following areas: S008N012W, S008N011W, S009N010W, S010N009W, S011N010W, S011N011W, S011N012W, S010N013W, S009N014W, S008N014W, S007N014W, and S007N012W.

Project Description: SAE proposes to acquire a 3D geophysical data to an area that encompasses approximately 406.00 square miles of the Cook Inlet. The program is intended to obtain marine offshore data by mapping the subsurface and its geological structure for its oil and gas pockets. SAE will use autonomous nodal seismic recording equipment and air guns as the source. The time frame for the project has a start date of October 2013 and could take up to a year to complete.

The application package is available for review at the DOG, Permitting Section, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, or online at http://www.dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Permitting/Permitting.htm#permittingnotices.

Please send your comments to DOG by e-mail at dog.permitting@alaska.gov, or by regular mail to the DOG address above. All comments must be in writing. A copy of the final decision will be sent to any person who provides written comments. Only persons who comment in writing during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal or to request reconsideration of the final decision (11 AAC 02).

All comments must be received by the Comment Deadline: October 2, 2013, 4:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time.

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